(vi) Setting up of Convention/Conference Centre in Leh to give further fillip to tourism in the area.

(vii) Development/upgradation of Kargil Airport.

(viii) A special funding mechanism including external assistance for implementation of projects such as protection and development of Dal Lake.

(ix) Special recruitment drive to ensure that youth of the State J&K are absorbed to the maximum extent possible in central establishments and private sectors.

(x) establishment of Agriculture University at Jammu.

Follow up action on these measures have been initiated by the concerned Ministries/Departments for implementation and a high level meeting under the chairmanship of the Cabinet secretary is sheduled to be held soon.

Militancy in Jammu and Kashmir

698. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the militancy in the J&K valley is on the rise of late;

(b) if so, the number of civilian population killed by the militants in the State during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what is the quantum of compensation paid to the affected families, year-wise during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to contain militancy in the State and the cross border infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) There have been continued efforts on the part of Pak ISI and Pro-Pak militant outfits to induct more mercenaries from across the border into J&K with a view to escalate violence. The number of civilians killed during the last 3 years are as below:

1997	1998	1999	2000 (Upto January)
938	867	821	55

(c) The details of *ex-gratia* amount reimbursed to Government of Jammu and Kashmir in respect of payments made by them to persons killed/property damaged in terrorist violence are as below:

(Rs. in crores)

1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000 (upto Dec.' 99)
30.90	24.19	27.76	26.92

(d) With a view to tackling the problem of militancy in Jammu and Kashmir, the Govt. has adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes, *inter-alia*, strengthening the border management, neutralising plans of the militants by proactive action against them in the hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, greater functional integration through an institutional framework of Operations Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels, improved technology, weapons and equipments for Security Forces.

Steps are being taken to flush out militants and curb militant activities including closer vigil on the border, establishment of more naka parties in depth areas to check infiltration/exfiltration, more pickets, intensive patrolling and extensive cordon and search operations.

Circulation of Fake Currency by Pakistan High Commission Official

699. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an official of the Pakistan High Commission has been recently found to have handed over a counterfeit currency note at the bank extension counter of a South-West Delhi School:

(b) if so, whether the officials of the Pakistan-High Commission at New Delhi in connivance with the ISI agents are trying to bring in fake currency notes for circulation; and

(c) if so, what immediate steps would be taken to watch the activities of Pakistan High Commission Official?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) An official of the Pakistan High Commission at Delhi is alleged to have deposited with Mount Carmel School, Anand Niketan, a currency note of the denomination of Rs. 500/-towards the fee of his son, which was later found to be fake. Delhi Police have registered